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THE FIRST
SAMBORNES OF HAMPTON IN
NEW HAMPSHIRE.

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THE FIRST SAMBORNES OF HAMPTON, N. H.

No adequate genealogy of the American Samborns has yet been published. Dr. Nathan Sauborn's paper in the REGISTER for 1856 (reprinted in pamphlet form) is generous in names and dates, but deficient in detail. In the REGISTER for 1885 I printed an article about the English Sambornes, and have since amplified the line and printed a short genealogy of them with notes as to our probable connection.

This article aims to give all data obtainable as to the first generation in America. It is compiled from the Hampton Town and Church Records, Norfolk County files, Massachusetts and New Hampshire archives, Rockingham County Probate Records, and the printed and manuscript Sanborn family records.

JOHN, WILLIAM and STEPHEN SAMBORNE (for so they spelt the name) were sons of an English Samborne (presumably named John) and Anne, daughter of Rev. Stephen Bachiler, that "notorious inconformist" of Wherwell, and Newton Stacy, Hants, and Hampton in New Hampshire. In the English Samborne family are several members either of whom may have been the husband of Anne Bachiler. Rev. James Samborne of Upper Clatford, Hants, the next parish to Wherwell, like Stephen Bachiler, was an Oxford man and a Puritan; he may have been a connection of our John Samborne. In Basingstoke, Hants, near Wherwell, we find a John Samborne, Serg^t-at-Mace in 1641. In Cholsey, Berks, twenty miles north of Wherwell, Richard Samborne had three children: Richard, b. 1589; John, of whom we find no further record, and Anne, b. 1597.

Ann Bachiler's husband died about 1630, for Mr. Waters printed in REGISTER, July, 1891, the following extract from "*Licenses to Pass beyond Seas.*"

"xxij Junij 1631: Steephen Bachiller aged 70 yeres resident at South Stonham, South^t & uxor Hellen, of age xlvij yeres, v^{ss} flushing to visit their sons and daughters there; & so to return wth in two moneths. Ann Sandburn of age 30 yeres, *widowe*, resident in y^e Strand, v^{ss} vlising."

The three sons of Anne Samborne are said to have come to America with their grandfather Bachiler in 1632, but apparently their mother did not come over; nor have we any trace of the three sons until 1639 in Hampton.

1. LIEUT. JOHN SAMBORNE, born 1620 (Deposition in Norf. Co. Files). Probably in Hampton in 1640, since he was then granted a house-lot and a tract of land there. In 1643 his name is signed to a Hampton petition; and from this date the records contain frequent mention of him.

23rd 3rd mo. 1645 (Norf. Co. Deeds I), John Samborne of Hampton sells to Thos. Marston, "for a valuable consideration, fower acres of fresh marsh, bounded by the salt marsh of John Cram, now in the hands of Rodger Shaw; by that of W^m Marston; by the upland of John Samborne, a highway to the north." Witness, Jos: Mason, Humphrey Humber, Abraham Pirkins.

December 23, 1645, two shares of the Common were granted to John Samborne. His house in Hampton was next to that of Stephen Bachiler, across the road from Meeting House Green, and nearly opposite the old meeting house.

In 1647 Rev. Stephen Bachiler left Hampton, and on April 20, 1647 (Rock. Co. Reg., xiii., 221), he conveyed "all his remaining estate in Hampton, including all grants not appointed, to his grandson John Samborne, he to pay the other three grandchildren, Nath^l Bachiler, Will: Samborne and Steven Samborne, £20 apiece." On the same date (Norf. Co. Deeds ii., 178), John Samborne doth "seale, signe and set over to Willi: Samborne 6 acres of upland, lying between the land of John Samborne & Chr: Hussey; 5 acres of fresh meadow; one share of all y^e Comons except y^e great Ox Comon, for the just som of £13, w^{ch} is in consideration of a £20. legacy given to the said William Samborne by his grandfather, under his own hand & seale, by virtue of an assignment unto the s^d John Samborne," who also promises to pay the other £7 within a certain time. Witnesses W^m Fifield, Tho. Warde. 1st 12th mo. 1647 (Norf. Co. Deeds, ii., 97), conveys to W^m Samborne "6 acres meadow and 6 acres upland, w^{ch} was formerly given to W^m Samborne by M^r Steven Bachiler Sen^r late of Hampton, but no legal conveyance made, since it was included in a general conveyance to me." Signed *John Samborne* "wth a seale to itt." Witness, Chr. Hussey, (T) mark of Abr. Tilton.

At Hampton Court, 26th 7th mo. 1648, John Samborne was plaintiff in an action for trespass against Robert Lord, but was nonsuited, and defendant allowed 10s. 6d. for unjust molestation.

24th 2nd mo. 1649, John Samborne was on the "Jury of Tryalls" at Salisbury Court. In 1650 he was one of the Hampton selectmen. 9th 2nd mo. 1650, he sued Walter Abbott at Salisbury Court for debt of £5. 7. 6 due for bill assigned to him by M^r Steven Bachiller. At Hampton Court, 3rd 8th mo. 1650, he, M^r Hussey & Tho. Chase were released from bond they gave for Edw. Colcord's appearance.*

In 1651, on petition from Hampton, the General Court (Mass. Col. Rec., iii., 253; iv. 67) orders John Samborne & Edw. Colcord to return to their owners until they should exhibit some proper power of attorney, all goods &c. taken by them on pretence of being authorized by Rev. Stephen Bachiler.

* Colcord was a friend or relative of the Bachilers and Sambornes; for full account of him see N. H. Prov. Papers, Vol. I.

January, 1654, John Samborne and Wm. Estow were appointed "to view the upland and medow on this side Strawberry Bank bounds, to ascertain who were the proprietors and what their titles were." In this year Christopher Hussey and John Samborne alone in Hampton refused to withdraw their petition to remit Lieut. Pike's fine; and were fined £10 apiece themselves. Pike had spoken slightly of the Massachusetts authorities for forbidding an un-ordained man to hold religious services where there was no settled pastor; for this a heavy fine had been imposed on him, which his neighbors in Hampton, etc. petitioned to have remitted. But the authorities so persecuted the petitioners that most of them apologized and withdrew their petitions. (Mass. Col. Rec. iii., 367: iv., 215.)

February 2, 1657, John Samborne was chosen a Selectman, but exempted. March 30, 1657, he was appointed on a committee to see to the building of a house for Rev. Mr. Cotton.

His familiarity with the town records and boundaries led to his being chosen on all committees to examine old grants, or to establish boundary-lines. Thus in 1651, and again in 1658, he was chosen on a committee to "join with the Town Clerk to examine all the grants and appointments of lands, highways and the like; and to perfect the same in the 'Town Book.'"

In 1661 John Samborne was again a selectman, and on March 16 it was voted "that Thos. Marston and Willi: Moulton shall join wth John Samborne to hire the present schoolmaster* for another year, p^{ro}vided they shall not exceed the som of £26. for his year's wages, nor he be more difficult in his pay than last year."

In 1663 he was chosen on committees to examine the allotment of the commonage, and to lay out the "New Plantation."

April 12, 1664, at Salisbury Court he was foreman of the "Jury of Tryalls." At Hampton Court, October 1664, it was voted, — "Whereas John Samborne was legally chosen by the Military Company at Hampton to be their ensign, — it appearing to this Corte that he is not yet a freeman, referred to the Gen^l Corte for confirmation."

Selectman again in 1665, — on June 20, he, "with Sam^l Dalton, Town Clerk, and M^r Seaborne Cotton the Pastor was chosen to express to the Com^{rs} in writing the views of the people of Hampton and to assert their rights in the lands claimed by Mason."

May, 1666, John Samborne was made a freeman (Mass. Col. Rec. iv., 367). In 1666, 1667 and 1669 "M^r John Samborne (also called *Ensign*) with Capt. Chr. Hussey and M^r Sam^l Dalton were chosen and ratified by the Court as commissioners of small causes for the town of Hampton."

Selectman again in 1668; in 1669 chosen as Agent by the town of Hampton in the boundary dispute with Portsmouth. Also appointed to look into the question of Exeter bounds. In 1670, sells to Samuel Tilton for £26. five acres of salt marsh on the south side of the Falls River.

Chosen Selectman in 1671, and appointed a "Commissioner in behalf of the country, to work with the Selectmen in making the Country Rate for the next six months according to law."

* John Barsham, H. U. 1658.

“April 25, 1672, Capt. Hussey, Ensign John Samborne and M^r Dalton were appointed to treat with M^r Dudley and M^r John Gilman to issue all differences betwixt the inhabitants of Hampton & Exeter concerning land, p^rvided that the said M^r Dudley & M^r Gilman shall procure the like power from the town of Exeter.”

Selectman in 1674-5, 1678-9. At Salisbury Court Nov. 14, 1676, John Samborne was Foreman of the Grand Jury. As Ensign of the Hampton Company in 1677, he signed a petition to Maj. Gen. Denison, asking for help. Commissioned Lieutenant of Hampton forces October 15, 1679 (Mass. Col. Rec. v., 252).

When Charles II. decided to make New Hampshire a Royal Province in 1679, Sir W. Warren wrote to the Lords of Trade that in Hampton the men most eminent and best qualified for His Majesty's Council were Sam^l. Dalton, Capt. Hussey, John Samborne & Nath^l Wyer (State Papers, Colonial, 1670-80).

In the Cranfield and Mason persecutions we find that John Samborne suffered: —

“W^m Fifield &c. depose that in Oct 1684 being at John Samborne Sen^rs house, when Robert Mason, Sherlock the Marshall and James Leach came to give Mason possession,—when Samborne not opening the door, Leach broke it open and Sherlock took Samborne prisoner, when Mason told the people openly, — This is what you shall all come to” (N. H. Prov. Papers, i., 539).

Also in Capt. Henry Dow's diary we find, — “Bro Sambourn put in prison, 21 Oct. 1684. Capt. Sherburne & I compared a copie with the original execution; & there was no return made upon it the 1st Nov. 1684.”

John Samborne's signature appears on the petition against Cranfield in 1685. In this year he was a Representative. — “At a meeting of the free holders of Hampton, Sept 24 1685, M^r Nath^l Weare, Lt. John Samborne and Nath^l Bachiler Sen^r were chosen to serve in the next General Assembly” (REGISTER, vi. 56).

Dow's “History of Hampton” says he served as Lieutenant in King William's War, 1689. In 1690 he was appointed on a committee to wait on M^r Pike the new minister. He died Oct. 20, 1692: his will is not extant, the closing words only remaining in an old copy at Exeter: —

“And for the confirmation of all above written, I the above sayd John Samborne Sen^r have hereunto sett my hand & affixt my seale this 10th day of October in the yeare of our Lorde 1692 &c

JOHN SAMBORNE Senior
his marke* (Jo) and seale

In presence of us
Nath^l Bachelder Sen^r
Will: Marsden
Rob: Moulton
Henry Dow

* Undoubtedly, he was too sick to sign his name; there is no doubt he could write, as his name is signed to many deeds, petitions, &c.

“A true Inventory of all y^e lands and goods of Left. John Samborne of Hampton late deceased upon the 20th October 1692.

	£	s.	d.
Imprimis the house, orchard & house lott, att	44		
About 4 ackers of swamp land	9		
About 4 ackers salt marsh in ye littel comon	20		
About 5 ackers of fresh medow at ye Beach	20		
3 ackers of medow & 1 of upland	14		
About 10 ackers of upland in ye East Field near the great causeway	30		
A track of land at ye new plantation, about 70 ackers	35		
A track of land half goodman Tuck's right in a place called ye North devition	45		
One share of the Cow Comon	6		
To 2 Oxen, £7, 3 cows, £7	14		
To one 3 year old steer com spring	1	10	
To one 1 year old & one calf	1	10	
To six sheep and lambs	1	16	
To 14 swine, great and small	8	10	
To one feather bed, with bad cloths & furnitur	5		
To a father bed in ye parlour & badcloths and furnitur	5		
To one chest of linning, att	8		
To all his waring clothes, att	7		
To one great puter platter att	1		
To 23 peces of puter, great and small	3	10	
To a tinn dripping pann, to a tinn colender			03
To iron pots, tramel dripping pan tongs cob irons & seaveral other peces of iron works	3	15	
To one brass kittel, one coper kittel and other brass things as scillets	1	10	
To a logging chayne, 2 other chaines axes hoops for wheels & other iron work & yoaks	3	05	
To 5 yards of new wolling cloth	1		
To table chayers bedsteds tubbs chests & other lumber	3		
To one gunn & sword & belt	1	05	
To a great Bible & other books	1		
	<u>£294</u>	<u>14</u>	

This inventory was taken & goods apprized this 2 of November 1692 by W^m Maston, Nath^l Bachiler Henr. Dow & Left John Smith. Henry Dow Esq^{re} & Nath^l Bachiler planter make oathe that they did appraise & take the wth in written Inventory amounting to £294. 14. 00. according to their best skill & judgement therein.

HENRY DOW
NATH. BACHILER Sen^r

Lieut. John Samborne married twice, — (1) Mary, d. of Rob. Tuck of Gorlston, Suffolk, and Hampton, N. H. She d. Dec. 30, 1668. (2) Margaret (Page) Moulton, widow of W^m Moulton & dau. of Rob. Page of Ormsby, Norfolk, and Hampton, N. H.

Children:

- i. JOHN, b. about 1649; freeman 1678; m. Nov 19, 1674, Judith, dau. of Tristram Coffin of Newbury; lived in Hampton. Died Nov. 10, 1723.
- ii. MARY, b. 1651; d. 1654.

- iii. ABIGAIL, b. Feb. 23, 1653; m. Ephraim Marston. Died Jan. 3, 1743.
- iv. RICHARD, b. Jan. 4, 1655; freeman 1678; m. (1) Dec. 5, 1678, Ruth, dau. of William Moulton; d. May 3, 1685; (2) Mary (Drake) Boulter, dau. of Abraham Drake. Lived in Hampton.
- v. MARY, b. 1657; d. 1660.
- vi. JOSEPH, b. Mar. 13, 1659; m. Dec. 28, 1682, Mary, dau. of Capt. Edward Gove of Hampton. Lived at Hampton Falls.
- vii. STEPHEN, b. 1661; d. 1662.
- viii. ANN, b. Nov. 20, 1662; m. Samuel Palmer; d. Oct. 4, 1745.
- ix. DINAH, b. —; m. James Marston.
- x. NATHANIEL, b. Jan. 27, 1666; m. (1) Rebecca, dau. of James Prescott of Hampton; d. Aug. 10, 1704; (2) Sarah Nason; d. Sept. 1748. Lived at Hampton Falls and Kingston. Died Nov. 9, 1723.
- xi. BENJAMIN, b. Dec. 20, 1668; m. (1) Sarah —; d. Jan. 29, 1720; (2) Meribah (Page) Tilton, dau. of Dea. Frs. Page; d. before 1724; (3) Abigail (Gove) Dalton, dau. of Capt. Edw. Gove; d. 1751. Lived in Hampton Falls. Died before Oct. 31, 1740.
- xii. CAPT. JONATHAN, b. May 25, 1672; a leading man in Kingston; grantee of Chester; m. Elizabeth, dau. of Capt. Samuel Sherburne of Hampton. Died June 20, 1741.

2. WILLIAM SAMBORNE, born about 1622. His is the earliest Samborne record I find at Hampton,—“Nov. 27, 1639, Willi: Samborne (wth his consent) is appointed to ring the bell before meetings on the Lord's days & other days, for w^{ch} he is to have 6d. pr. lott of eury one hauing a lotte w^{thin} the towne.”

In June, 1640, a house lot was granted him on the road towards the sea, southwest of his brother John's. He was selectman of Hampton 1651, 1660, 1667, 1671, 1677, 1683. Not so prominent as his older brother, but often chosen on town committees. Savage says he was Representative, but I have found no record of it.

Served in King Philip's War. (REGISTER, xliii., 273.)

May 17, 1647, W^m Samborne sold to Serg^t Thos. Philbrick for £24 his house and houselot between those of W^m Fifield & John Brown, 3 acres fresh marsh, and 3 acres upland; 1 share in cow comon (Norf. Deeds, i., 4).

The will of John Moulton (Norf. Deeds, i., 12), dated 23rd 1st mo. 1649, proved 8th 1st mo. 1650, divides 12 acres between Samborne & dau. Ann: to son Samborne 10 acres salt marsh w^{ch} is yet to be appointed; & 4 acres salt marsh.

At Hampton Court, 8th 8th mo. 1651, W^m Samborne took y^e freeman's oath.

April 18, 1664, Ann Moulton for divers good causes conveys 2 acres to Will: Samborne (Norf. Deeds, ii., 96).

Thos. Philbrick for £35. sells to W^m Samborne 10 acres salt marsh, Oct. 13, 1665 (Norf. Deeds, ii., 96). June 10, 1667, Nath^l Boulter of Hampton nominates “my louing friend M^r Will: Samborne of Hampton as a feoffee in trust” for John and Hannah Souter (Norf. Deeds, ii., 116). Aug. 22, 1668, Thos. Philbrick “for valuable consideration” conveys to W^m Samborne “3 acres of upland in the East field w^{ch} I sometime bought of s^d W^m Samborne” (Norf. Deeds, ii., 172). Mar. 31, 1673, John flulsham of Exeter conveys to W^m Samborne 30 acres in Hampton abutting on Exeter bounds.

At Salisbury Court, 14th 9th mo. 1676, W^m Samborne took the oath for a Constable. He died Nov. 18, 1692. Only a fragment of his will is preserved in the old book of copies at Exeter; he leaves to his wife Mary certain yearly allowances, and one half of his house. To son Josiah 50 acres "in the plaine towards Exeter" and some salt marsh and commonage. To son William "a share in the great ox common & one cove he hauing the reste of" To son Mephibosheth, 9 acres near his house, $\frac{1}{2}$ share of commonage, 8 acres of upland and 25 acres towards Exeter; also certain other land "after my wife's decease." To son Steuen my house, barne, orchard, 10 acres of salt marsh, $\frac{1}{2}$ share of commonage &c. Doubtless the rest of the will dealt with bequests to daughters, but this is all that is left.

"An Inventory of the Estate of William Samborne late off Hampton, deceased the 18 of November 1692."

	£	s.	d.
Imprimis, 17 ackers of upland	50		
To 20 ackers of medowe	100		
To housing & barne	50		
To 4 oxen, £12, 4 coves £8, 4 young cattle £3	23		
To 6 sheep	1	10	
To swine	8	10	
To 20 loads of hay	10		
To 200 ackers of outland	100		
To one share in ye cow comon	10		
To corne	8		
To 2 feather beds, blankets & rugs	10		
To one couerlet	1	05	
To sheets table cloathes napkins cushens carpets	10		
To chests & boxes	10		
To puter & earthen ware	2	10	
To iron pots, kete tramel, cob irons, 1 brass skillet	4		
To a cart plowes chaines & furniture for oxen	2		
To a sword & gunus	2		
To waring cloathes	5		
Table chayers wooden ware betel wedges axes &c	2		
	£409	15	

Prized the 1 of the 10th mo. 1692 by us

NATH^l BACHILER Sen^r
JOHN MOULTON

William Samborne married Mary, dau. of John Moulton, of Ornsby, Norfolk and Hampton, N. H.

Children:

- (?) i. MARY, b. ———; m. Dec. 17, 1662, Sergt. Jos. Dow.
- (?) ii. MERTABEL, b. ———; m. Dec. 23, 1669, Ensign Daniel Tilton.
- iii. WILLIAM, b. 1652; freeman 1678; m. Jan. 1, 1680, Mary, dau. of Thos. Marston of Hampton. Lived in Hampton. Died Oct. 9, 1744.
- iv. JOSIAH, b. ———; m. (1) Aug. 25, 1681, Hannah, dau. of William Moulton; d. Nov. 6, 1687; (2) Sarah Perkins, widow of Jonathan Perkins. Lived in Hampton. Died 1727.

- v. MERCY, b. July 19, 1660; m. Samuel Cass.
 vi. MEPHIBOSHETH, b. Nov. 5, 1663; m. Lydia, dau. of Hezron Levett of Hampton. Lived in Hampton. Died Feb. 5, 1749.
 vii. SARAH, b. Feb. 10, 1667; m. Samuel Marston.
 viii. STEPHEN, b. Sept. 4, 1671; m. July 26, 1693, Hannah, dau. of Lieut. James Philbrick of Hampton. Lived in Hampton. Died June 25, 1750.

3. STEPHEN SAMBORNE; born about 1624. In 1640 was granted a house lot next his brother William. In 1641 a member of the company selected to build a Pound. In 1651 brought an action *vs.* Thos. Sleeper "for slander, saying hee lost railes and found some of them in ye s^d Steven Samborne's fence & y^t hee had pofe of it." Alas! the jury found for the defendant.

Oct. 2, 1650, Christopher Hussey sold to Steven Samborne & Sam^{ll} Fogge his house and houselot in Hampton, except what he had sold to John Samborne. Witness, Steven Bachiler, Edw. Colcord, Joh: Redman. (Norf. Deeds, i., 19.)

2nd 8th mo. 1651, Steven Samborne was on Jury of Tryalls at Salisbury.

10th 6th mo. 1654, Steven Samborne, with Sam^{ll} Fogge, witness a deed from John Wheelwright to John Redman. (Norf. Deeds, i., 65.) Aug. 1, 1655, Nath^l Boulter sells to W^m Moulton "the land w^{ch} I bought of Steven Samborne, *sometime of Hampton.*" (Norf. Deeds, i., 139.) 12th 6th mo. 1654 Steven Samborne "wth a seale" sells to Willi: Samborne for £6. 2½ acres of salt marsh. Feb. 6, 1654, Steven Samborne was chosen selectman; July 28, 1654, Robert Drake was chosen to supply the place of Steven Samborne.

From the above records it will be seen that he left Hampton about Sept. 1, 1654. Tradition says he returned to England with his grandfather Bachiler; perhaps some record can be found of him there.

Children, by his wife Sarah:

- i. SARAH, b. June 12, 1651.
- ii. DOROTHY, b. Mar. 2, 1653.

The following note about Steven Bachiler will be of interest. (Norf. Deeds, ii., 437.) "April 8, 1673. Edward Colcord of Hampton, aged 56, and Wm. Fifield of Hampton, testify that when M^r Stephen Bacheller of Hampton was upon his voyage to England, they did hear M^r Bacheller say unto his son-in-law M^r Chr. Hussey that in consⁿ the said Hussey had little or nothing from him wth his daughter w^{ch} was then married to the said Hussey, as also in consⁿ that his said son Hussey & his wife had been helpful unto him both formerly & in fitting him for his voyage, & for other considerations, he did give to the said Hussey all his estate consisting in cattell, household goods & debts, for w^{ch} his aforesaid gift he also gave a deed in writing & delivered a copy thereof to the said Hussey."

